

"It's a Miracle"
John 2:1-11

What is a miracle? An action of God that interrupts the normal course of events and produces a powerful and/or unusual result that would not have occurred otherwise. They are Holy Spirit surprises.

Six general categories:

1. Miracles of healing
2. Miracles over nature
3. Miracles of deliverance
4. Miracles of resurrection
5. Miracles of creation
6. Miracles of transformation

Eight foundational statements concerning miracles:

1. Miracles continue today
2. God works miracles through His people
3. The purpose of miracles is to glorify God

"For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another." Isaiah 48:11

4. True miracles always defy logic and understanding.
5. Every great miracle in the Bible began with impossibility.
6. The power for working miracles comes from the Holy Spirit.
7. God always does miracles according to His timetable – not ours.
8. Miracles are a sign.

"My days go by faster than a runner. They fly away without seeing any joy." Job 9:25

"I have come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing; that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God." Philippians 2:14-15

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:11

"We come with tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10

"And I, the Son of Man, feast and drink, and you say, 'He's a glutton and drunkard, and a friend of the worst sort of sinners.'" Matthew 11:19

"Without wine there is no joy." Rabbinical saying.

Principle: Our needs drive us to Christ.

Why do we go to Jesus when "the wine runs out"?

1. God is with us

"When you pass through the deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you. For I am the Lord your God." Isaiah 43:2

2. God has a plan for us

"I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory."
Psalms 50:15

3. God will help us

"Why be so gloomy and discouraged? Trust in God. Then I shall praise him for his wondrous help; he will make me smile again." Psalms 43:5

What does this miracle teach us?

1. When Jesus gives gifts – He gives them lavishly.
2. When Jesus gives gifts – He gives them purposefully.
3. When Jesus gives gifts – He gives them unexpectedly.

When God wants to do a miracle:

1. He uses ordinary people
2. He uses ordinary people who do the ordinary
3. He uses ordinary people who do the ordinary in an extraordinary way.

Principle: If you want to see a miracle – start serving.

Two closing principles:

1. Miracles always point toward Jesus
2. Miracles reveal the glory of God (creation, transformation)